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A LIST OF  
**Strawberry  
Plants**

GROWN BY

**ALBERT H. PERRIGO**

*West Chester, Pa.*

**FOR SEASON 1927**

*Grown in the wonderful Chester  
County Loam. The Finest Soil in  
the World to Grow Any Kind of  
Plants.*

**We Grow Everything  
We Sell**

## CONDITIONS FOR 1927

We never had such fine growing weather as the season of 1926 brought us. The Lord was certainly good to the small fruit grower. Our plants this year are by far the best we ever had. They were grown on new ground, with a good dose of a well balanced fertilizer and plenty of moisture. The growing season continued right up to Thanksgiving day which means a good stand of well matured plants, as fine as can be grown by anyone, anywhere. We have therefore no excuses to offer and expect to fill all orders with big, strong healthy plants.

## BUY YOUR PLANTS NEAR HOME

The quicker you get strawberry plants set after they are dug the better. That's one good reason why you should buy your plants near home. Also there is no place in the world where such fine plants, with bright yellow roots and plenty of vitality can be grown as right here in Chester County. Our plants are shipped in peck and one-half bushel baskets. The roots are thoroughly wet and packed upright in damp moss and they will reach you fresh and bright.

## OUR POLICY

It is our aim to grow only those varieties that have proven successful in this vicinity. A long list of varieties is very confusing to the buyer and expensive for the grower. We grow fruit for the market as well as plants. We are therefore in a position to judge which are the profitable varieties and why. When we are satisfied that a berry is not suitable either for market or home production, out that variety goes.

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## TERRITORY

We endeavor to confine our shipments to a limited territory and to grow only the varieties that are suited to the soil and climate of Chester and adjoining counties. There are only a few varieties that are successful in this vicinity and we feel that we are offering just the varieties you need.

Strawberry growing has increased largely in our territory during the past ten years. We attribute this increase to the fact that growers can buy from us good strong healthy plants, get them fresh dug and varieties that have been proven profitable. The fact that our business shows a steady increase year after year while our territory remains about the same warrants the above statement.

## PERFECT AND IMPERFECT VARIETIES

Perfect varieties when grown alone will insure a perfect crop of berries. We, therefore, grow only perfect varieties.

## PRICES

Our prices are as low as we possibly can make them and give real service and are about the average prices of other reliable growers. In lots of 100 our prices are lower than most growers. Do not ask us for cheap plants, we do not have them.

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## STRAWBERRIES

**Premier.** This variety again proved in 1926 that it is the leading strawberry for every purpose. It is the earliest and other than Chesapeake, the handsomest. It has flavor, size, color, productiveness and all the good qualities of any other berry and will outyield any other variety about two to one.

Priemier will produce big, beautiful berries on rich soil and good ones on any kind of soil. Our experience is that Premier will produce larger and better colored berries on a north slope, but will give more pickings and longer season on south slope. Many growers are planting Premier exclusively, getting a big paying crop of splendid fruit and their troubles are over. For home use, local and roadside market, to extend the season add Big Joe, or Bun Special for medium, and Chesapeake for late.

100—\$1.25; 500—\$4.50; 1000—\$8.00

**Chesapeake.** This berry is the aristocrat among strawberries and the best late variety known up to this date. It has color, size, shape, quality and every characteristic that makes for a perfect berry. It will not set quite as large a crop as some, but every berry that it does set will mature and you don't have to pick a lot of scrubs at the end of the season. Give Chesapeake rich soil, plenty of moisture and good care and you can rest assured of having a good crop of big luscious fruit. It will sell itself; all you have to do is to show it to the public and your worries are over. Our stand of Chesapeake is the best we have ever raised, grown on new and extra good ground with plenty of moisture and a grand growing season which continued right up to Thanksgiving day.

100—\$1.50; 500—\$5.00; 1000—\$9.00

**Big Joe.** As a mid-season berry it is hard to beat Big Joe. It is one of the best money makers, more especially for local and nearby markets. Big Joe is a splendid grower making plenty of plants and is very productive. The berries are a bright red, with green caps and very attractive. A grower who retails his berries will have no trouble in selling Big Joe. If you want a large, high quality, handsome berry be sure and include Big Joe in your plantings. As a home garden berry it can always be depended on and if you have more than you need for home use there will always be a market for them and usually at a premium over the average berry. Premier, Chesapeake and Big Joe make a grand combination.

100—\$1.00; 500—\$3.50; 1000—\$6.00

**Bun Special.** This variety appears to be a berry that is going to be very satisfactory for this section. We fruited it for three years and it has proved satisfactory in every way for a medium season berry. It bears over a long season a good crop. The berries are a deep red clear to the center, have an excellent flavor, are evenly shaped and of large size. They present a beautiful appearance when packed for market. Plants are vigorous and make good picking rows. A good variety to plant with Premier and Chesapeake to lengthen the season.

100—\$1.00; 500—\$4.00; 1000—\$7.00

**Gibson.** A vigorous grower and makes plenty of good, healthy, strong, deep rooted plants. It is a very prolific berry and bears over a long season. The quality is excellent and as a canning berry is very popular. We have always had success with Gibson as a market berry and other than Premier has been our most profitable variety.

100—\$1.00; 500—\$3.50; 1000—\$6.00

**Cooper.** This variety did not do as well as we expected during 1926. Cooper has been very highly praised by many growers, but with us it has not done very well. Does not appear to be adapted to our soil and climate. Have a fine lot of plants for those who care to give Cooper a trial.

100—\$1.00

### GRAPES

**Caco.** This new red grape has the most delicious flavor and of the highest quality. It is one of the earliest grapes in ripening. It has a characteristic not common to most grapes in that, being so rich in sugar and such an excellent flavor, it can be eaten with enjoyment full two weeks before it is fully ripe. The berries are unusually large, bunches good size, compact and good form. Caco is practically immune from black rot and is a grand keeper in cold storage. Our vines are all two year old transplants. They are big, strong, healthy plants and should bear next year.

Each, \$0.50; 10—\$3.50: 20—\$6.00

### BLACK RASPBERRIES

**Honey Sweet.** We have not listed raspberries for a few years back as we have been working the past three years to produce a crop of disease free plants and believe our plants are now as free from disease as it is possible to grow them. We have had the help of the State inspectors, who have inspected our fields three times each year, row by row and plant by plant. Between their visits we have kept a constant supervision so that the inspectors were able to find only two doubtful plants at their last inspection.

The Honey Sweet is the best raspberry we ever grew and we have had practically all known varieties and have discarded them all

for Honey Sweet. It is a truly grand berry and heavy producer of delicious fruit. The berries are large, sweet and of regular size. The clusters have from two to four berries more than other varieties. You make no mistake in buying Honey Sweet.

6—\$1.00; 10—\$1.50; 20—\$2.50; 50—\$5.00

### HOW TO SHIP

The best way is to call in person for plants. If you can not come then Parcel Post is the best. Parcel Post is cheaper, quicker and more reliable. We keep informed on local routes and time our shipments so plants will be on the road only for a short time. We try to have all shipments sent out so they will reach you in the morning delivery. When we acknowledge your order, can tell you very near the hour and day the plants will arrive.

### DIGGING AND PACKING

The one safe and sure place to sort and tie strawberry plants is right in the field and as fast as they are dug. You can't tell a good plant from a poor one after it has been handled back and forth several times and knocked about in the open air for hours. In the field one has a chance to tell a good plant from a poor one, but in a packing shed it is very difficult.

Our plants are sorted and tied as fast as they are dug and right in the field and healed in at once. Then after the careful packing they receive they reach you fresh and bright.

### ONE YEAR PLANTS

We dig all our plants from one year old beds, that is from plants set last Spring. We never have dug from old beds or from beds that were renewed and hope we never have to.

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## ORDER BY PARCEL POST, C. O. D.

We advise that customers have their parcel post packages sent C. O. D. for the amount of the postage. This not only fixes matters so that you pay just the actual postage, but it practically insures your package from loss in the mails, because your postmaster cannot collect the postage unless he delivers the package.

## IMPORTANT

We all make mistakes. Especially during the rush of a busy shipping season. If anything is wrong about your order, write fairly and decently about it and we will see that it is adjusted. We do not agree to replace plants that die unless it can be proven we are at fault. **DO NOT REFUSE A SHIPMENT**, but take it and **DO** the very best you can. Then let us know all about it and we will do everything in our power to make things right.

**Satisfied customers are the only kind we want and are the only kind worth having.**

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